

Fortnightly General Meeting on Tuesday Evening.—A sketch of the Association's work since its organization.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Young Men's Library Association was held on Tuesday evening in the rooms on North Main St. H. M. Peck was chosen chairman and John Henry, secretary. The treasurer's and other reports were received after which the election of directors for the ensuing year took place. Messrs. H. M. Peck, J. C. Harrison and Henry B. Wilbur being re-elected. The new Board organized with the same officers, viz.: J. C. Harrison, president; H. M. Peck, secretary; and J. C. Harrison, treasurer. Mr. Peck then read his report which will give the public an idea of the growth of the Association since its organization as well as its work during the past year. It is as follows:

"To look back, at the close of the last meeting for the formation of this Association, sometime during February 1874, seems but a short period, not so bright on the horizon as this is our thirtieth anniversary. The success of the work of securing means for the establishment of the library was so convincing to even the most enthusiastic of its workers and friends, \$1,712—being subscribed within one week. The financial part of the organization was then placed on a good foundation, and has remained in a sound and prosperous condition. While that in one sense is a secondary consideration, yet in order to carry on such a work, it is very important that the finances should be in a healthy state.

The object of the Association has not been to make money, but to make the library self-maintaining. To this end and redoubt in the changes for membership have been made, and books added from time to time as has seemed to be demanded by the patrons. No salaries are paid for any service except to the Librarian and that a nominal sum for the labor performed.

The good that has been accomplished by the books circulated is not measurable. The new thoughts imparted and incentives given to better and more useful lives can not be estimated, as there are cases of the serious power that control people who come under their influence. The character of the books in our library has been of a high standard and has always been commended by visitors who were competent authorities in such matters.

The circulation has not been as large as the Association desired, yet considering the vast amount of cheap reading matter, in the shape of books, magazines and papers which are so freely supplied in this city of printing, on hand for discouragement is found.

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